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TITLE: PORTAL COVERING DEVICE HAVING A HANDLE DRIVE MECANISM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATT: BOX AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the Examination of this patent application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification Begin on Page 2 of this Paper

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